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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

To highlight the distinctions of the above referenced invention over the prior art as interpreted by the Examiner in the Office Action of April 30, 2001, Paper No. 6, please reconsider and amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification – “Marked Up” Version

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph starting on line 21 of page 7 with the following paragraph as marked up.

Referring now to FIG. 2, the inner sleeve 40 has a first end 42 over [that] which the hose 30 is mounted and a second end 44 that is a termination point or acts to engage other components of the air-conditioning system. An outer diameter 45 of the inner sleeve 40 has outward projections 46 or serrations that engage and seal against an inner diameter 32 of the hose 30.

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